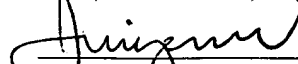


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In Re Application of:

Date: June 18, 2004

Lav IVANOVIC et al.

Confirmation: To Be Assigned

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For: AUTOMATIC CALIBRATION OF A MASKING PROCESS SIMULATOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: begin on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.



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| CLAIMS | | | | | |
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| Total Claims | 30 | 30 | 0 | \$18.00 | \$ 0.00 |
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